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Joseph Kraft, for reasons of health (a recent heart attack) and a commitment to a syndicated newspaper column which appears locally in the WASHINGTON POST and in a dozen papers elsewhere in the country, terminated his assignment as Washington correspondent for HARPER'S Magazine with the November 1965 issue, which contained his lengthy article about McGeorge Bundy, describing him as the "leading candidate for the title of statesman."

25X1A9a In the report dated 9 November 1965 by the Deputy Director for Intelligence following Mr. Kraft's 1 November 1965 article on the DCI, [REDACTED] stated: "The 25X1A9a only persons I know who have an acquaintance with Kraft are McGeorge Bundy and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a (OCI). Both advise me that Kraft's sources are State Department and White House Staff. Kraft categorically denied to [REDACTED] that the source of this column was from CIA."

The Office of the Assistant to the Director has been in contact with Mr. Kraft in regard to four subjects this year:

1. On 28 October Mr. Kraft phoned to advised me that he was writing a column about Director Raborn (the one which the WASHINGTON POST published on 1 November); he explained that he was telling me this in advance since this office had been helpful to him on several previous occasions in regard to other topics. I alerted the Executive Director-Comptroller of this development and the fact that Mr. Kraft would be available on 30 October if anyone from the Agency wanted to discuss this column in advance of publication; [REDACTED] alerted [REDACTED] (who in turn alerted the DCI), 25X1A9a and Col. Grogan informed the DDCI of these developments. [REDACTED] was later told by 25X1A9a [REDACTED] that the DCI said he was not worried about columns in the press as long as he 25X1A9a had the confidence of the President.)

2. On 19 October, with the approval of the DDCI, Mr. Kraft was briefed in this office by an OCI analyst on the leadership of the Vietnamese National Liberation Front. Several weeks earlier Mr. Kraft had addressed a CIA Mid-career Course class at the Brookings Institution and had made the claim that he had been unable to get what he believed to be unclassified information from this Agency on this topic. (Mr. Kraft is also reported to have stated, in response to a question from the class about the Marquis Childs column critical of Director Raborn shortly after he had taken over, that the Agency ought to adopt a more vigorous program to counter charges made against it in the press.) Mr. Kraft told me that it was McGeorge Bundy who had promised to put him in touch with [REDACTED] of ONE on the Vietnamese situation but that this 25X1A9a had not been accomplished. 25X1A9a

3. On 8 September, with the approval of the Executive Director-Comptroller, Mr. Kraft was briefed on Soviet leadership problems in this office by Messrs [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and [REDACTED] of OCI and [REDACTED] of ONE. This briefing was set up after Mr. Kraft had 25X1A9a

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5X1A9a attempted to set up himself with [REDACTED] (who has reported that he sees Mr. Kraft socially about a dozen times a year). In his dealings with me prior to the briefing Mr. Kraft had made the claim that he had been "damn cooperative" with CIA in the past and had also been in touch with [REDACTED]; the latter claim was subsequently denied by the DD/I and the D/NE. Mr. Kraft was given a briefing on the same subject earlier at State. 25X1A9a

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4. On 9 April, in an arrangement made by [REDACTED], Mr. Kraft was debriefed by the OO/C Washington Field Office on his meeting in Algiers with a representative of the Vietnamese National Liberation Front.

In May 1964 Mr. Kraft had addressed another class of the Agency's Mid-career Course at the Brookings Institution. [REDACTED], who was chief of the Mid-career Staff of OTR at the time, reported: "A number of questions were addressed to him about the Agency and its image (and Kraft) said that he thought that it was generally favorable but very fuzzy. I gather from other remarks that he was personally quite favorable to the Agency." 25X1A9a

On 20 May 1957 Mr. Kraft, who then working for the NEW YORK TIMES, had an interview with Allen Dulles. In a letter dated seven days later George S. Franklin, Executive Director of the Council on Foreign Relations, wrote Mr. Dulles: "Joe Kraft tells me that his talk with you was very useful to him and I much appreciate the time you took to see him."

Attached are copies of six columns by Mr. Kraft. Attention is called to the 17 April 1964 review of Haynes Johnson's "The Bay of Pigs" and Mr. Kraft's comments on the need to have the "black bag operators" segregated out of the Agency, as well as to his review of the Harry Howe Ransom book in the 26 January 1959 NEW LEADER.

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